

C. REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Introduction

Claims 23 and 26 are pending. Claims 1-22, 24-25, and 27-32 are cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 25 and 26. Claim 23 is amended to include the limitations of claims 24 and 25. Claims 24 and 25 are cancelled. Amended claim 23 includes the allowable subject matter of claim 25 and the subject matter of the intervening claim 24. Claim 26 is amended to depend upon amended claim 23. Applicants believes claims 23 and 26 are allowable and request reconsideration and allowance of these claims.

35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner's rejection of claims 6-11 and 21-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 11-264761 to Shinozuka et al. ("Shinozuka") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,618,083 to Chen et al. ("Chen") is considered moot because the Applicants have cancelled claims 6-11, 21-22, and 24 and the Applicants have amended claim 23 to include allowable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

Claims 23 and 26 along with the arguments presented above are believed to overcome the Examiner's objections. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Applicants believe no fee is due, however, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0337, under Order No. 10312233 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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